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Certification for a Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Relating to an Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office (Notary Not Required)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington

*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."

COMPLAINT ATTACHED

We recently had a very controversial primary election for Position #1 Commissioner for the Belfair Water District #1. This is the first time that three individuals have been on the primary ballot. Irene Werdall, Greg Waggett and Mike Pope. I was notified by Karen Herr, Mason County Auditor during the week of August 10th that I was being disqualified because of a boundary issue. It was determined that Clifton Ridge, where I live, is outside the district's boundaries and was never properly annexed into the Belfair Water District. Therefore, I was not a viable candidate. (copy of two articles in Kitsap Sun attached)

We, in the Clifton Ridge area, were under the understanding that we were in the Belfair Water District #1 since they are providing our water and have voted in two previous elections (2005 & 2007) for a commissioner for this district. As Karen Herr, Mason County Auditor states "Its their responsibility (the water district) to provide us with legal boundaries. Investigation showed district records to be "incomplete."

This voting fiasco exemplifies the confusion and ineptitude in the water district, along with numerous mismanagement issues and questionable accountability of funds by the District Manager and the three commissioners and is the reason I was running for Commissioner.

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The other person running is Mike Pope, who stated in a Kitsap Sun Article, on August 4, 2009, "The utility is in real dire financial straits". "They don't have a lot of money for capital improvements, and then came the fiasco with dirt (land filling)". (see article – Belfair Water District #1 violates law) "They've made some bad decisions that fall back on the ratepayers". He further stated "the only thing I can do is make it better, it can't get any worse."

Belfair Water District #1 does not want Greg Waggett or Mike Pope getting in as a commissioner because we were challenging their mismanagement, their lack of accountability of the customer's funds and decisions they are making on financial matters. So they have now used their Newsletter, I believe, to assist a candidate's election campaign. On the November ballot will be Mike Pope and Irene Werdall.

This is the first time they have had a Newsletter. It is brand new and I believe the insertion of stating that Longtime Commissioner Irene Werdall has filed for re-election, and stating her function is using this format to assist her campaign. Belfair Water sent this newsletter out to its client list in their monthly billing statement packet.

RCW 42.17.130 states that

"Elected and appointed officials as well as other public employees are prohibited from using or authorizing the use of any facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly to assist a candidate's election campaign or to promote or oppose a ballot proposition. Public agency facilities include, but are not limited to, office stationery <u>postage machines</u>, <u>equipment</u>, <u>employees during working hours</u>, vehicles, <u>office space</u>, <u>office publication and client lists</u>.

I have enclosed an original copy of the Newsletter and the envelope it was delivered in. Therefore, we believe this is a misuse of public facilities as stated in RCW 42.17.130 and we are asking your consideration and action regarding this complaint.

My direct witnesses, in addition to the many that received the newsletter on the Belfair Water District #1 client list are:

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